

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert the correct priority information. No new matter is added by the amendment. Applicants note the Examiner's change to the title of the invention and have made such change on the Fee(s) Transmittal form filed concurrently herewith.

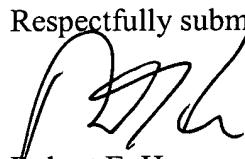
The amendment has been timely submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii)(C) because this application is a nonprovisional application which entered the national stage after compliance with 35 U.S.C. §371 from and international application filed under 35 U.S.C. §363 before November 29, 2000. Specifically, this application is a nonprovisional application which entered the national stage after compliance with 35 U.S.C. §371 from and international application filed under 35 U.S.C. §363 on January 28, 2000.

It is believed that no fee is due with this communication, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/NBLE:027US.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the case is in condition for issuance and such action is respectfully requested. The Office is invited to contact the undersigned at (512) 536-3085 with any questions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert E. Hanson
Reg. No. 42,628
Attorney for Applicant

FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI, L.L.P.
600 Congress Ave., Ste. 1900
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 474-5201

Date: May 18, 2005